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Substitute House Bill No. 6489

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The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. MERRILL of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT TO CORRECT A TECHNICAL ERROR IN ECS DISTRIBUTION
AND TO SPECIFY DISPOSITION OF THE FAIRFIELD HILLS
HOSPITAL PROCEEDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-262h of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and each fiscal year
5 thereafter, a grant in an amount equal to the amount of its target aid as
6 described in subdivision (32) of section 10-262f except that such
7 amount shall be capped in accordance with the following: (A) For the
8 fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, and June
9 30, 1999, for each town, the maximum percentage increase over its
10 previous year's base revenue shall be the product of five per cent and
11 the ratio of the wealth of the town ranked one hundred fifty-third
12 when all towns are ranked in descending order to each town's wealth,

13 provided no town shall receive an increase greater than five per cent.
14 (B) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, June 30, 2001, June 30,
15 2002, June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2004, for each town, the maximum
16 percentage increase over its previous year's base revenue shall be the
17 product of six per cent and the ratio of the wealth of the town ranked
18 one hundred fifty-third when all towns are ranked in descending order
19 to each town's wealth, provided no town shall receive an increase
20 greater than six per cent. (C) No such cap shall be used for the fiscal
21 year ending June 30, 2005, or any fiscal year thereafter. (D) For the
22 fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, for each town, the maximum
23 percentage reduction from its previous year's base revenue shall be
24 equal to the product of three per cent and the ratio of each town's
25 wealth to the wealth of the town ranked seventeenth when all towns
26 are ranked in descending order, provided no town's grant shall be
27 reduced by more than three per cent. (E) For the fiscal years ending
28 June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, and June 30, 1999, for each town, the
29 maximum percentage reduction from its previous year's base revenue
30 shall be equal to the product of five per cent and the ratio of each
31 town's wealth to the wealth of the town ranked seventeenth when all
32 towns are ranked in descending order, provided no town's grant shall
33 be reduced by more than five per cent. (F) For the fiscal year ending
34 June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town's grant shall be
35 less than the grant it received for the prior fiscal year. (G) For each
36 fiscal year, except for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, in addition
37 to the amount determined pursuant to this subdivision, a town shall be
38 eligible for a density supplement if the density of the town is greater
39 than the average density of all towns in the state. The density
40 supplement shall be determined by multiplying the density aid ratio of
41 the town by the foundation level and the town's total need students for
42 the prior fiscal year provided, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000,
43 and each fiscal year thereafter, no town's density supplement shall be
44 less than the density supplement such town received for the prior
45 fiscal year. (H) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, the grant
46 determined in accordance with this subdivision for a town ranked one
47 to forty-two when all towns are ranked in descending order according

48 to town wealth shall be further reduced by one and two-hundredths of
49 a per cent and such grant for all other towns shall be further reduced
50 by fifty-six-hundredths of a per cent. (I) For the fiscal year ending June
51 30, 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district
52 is a priority school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this
53 subdivision in an amount that is less than the amount received under
54 such grant for the prior fiscal year. (J) For the fiscal year ending June
55 30, 2000, and each fiscal year through the fiscal year ending June 30,
56 2003, no town whose school district is a priority school district shall
57 receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision that provides an amount of
58 aid per resident student that is less than the amount of aid per resident
59 student provided under the grant received for the prior fiscal year. (K)
60 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter,
61 no town whose school district is a priority school district shall receive a
62 grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than
63 seventy per cent of the sum of (i) the product of a town's base aid ratio,
64 the foundation level and the town's total need students for the fiscal
65 year prior to the year in which the grant is to be paid, (ii) the product
66 of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of
67 the portion of its total need students count described in subparagraphs
68 (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of section 10-262f for the fiscal year
69 prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, and the
70 adjustments to its resident student count described in subdivision (22)
71 of said section 10-262f relative to length of school year and summer
72 school sessions, and (iii) the town's regional bonus. (L) For the fiscal
73 year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town
74 whose school district is a transitional school district shall receive a
75 grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than forty
76 per cent of the sum of (i) the product of a town's base aid ratio, the
77 foundation level and the town's total need students for the fiscal year
78 prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, (ii) the product
79 of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of
80 the portion of its total need students count described in subparagraphs
81 (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of section 10-262f for the fiscal year
82 prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, and the

83 adjustments to its resident student count described in subdivision (22)
84 of said section 10-262f relative to length of school year and summer
85 school sessions, and (iii) the town's regional bonus. (M) For the fiscal
86 year ending June 30, 2002, (i) each town whose target aid is capped
87 pursuant to this subdivision shall receive a grant that includes a pro
88 rata share of twenty-five million dollars based on the difference
89 between its target aid and the amount of the grant determined with the
90 cap, and (ii) all towns shall receive a grant that is at least 1.68 per cent
91 greater than the grant they received for the fiscal year ending June 30,
92 2001. (N) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, (i) each town whose
93 target aid is capped pursuant to this subdivision shall receive a pro
94 rata share of fifty million dollars based on the difference between its
95 target aid and the amount of the grant determined with the cap, and
96 (ii) each town shall receive a grant that is at least 1.2 per cent more
97 than its base revenue, as defined in subdivision (28) of section 10-262f.
98 (O) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, each town shall receive a
99 grant that is at least equal to the grant it received for the prior fiscal
100 year. (P) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, (i) each town whose
101 target aid is capped pursuant to this subdivision shall receive a grant
102 that includes a pro rata share of fifty million dollars based on the
103 difference between its target aid and the amount of the grant
104 determined with the cap, (ii) each town's grant including the cap
105 supplement shall be reduced by three per cent, (iii) the towns of
106 Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven shall each receive a grant that is
107 equal to the grant such towns received for the prior fiscal year plus one
108 million dollars, (iv) those towns described in clause (i) of this
109 subparagraph shall receive a grant that includes a pro rata share of
110 three million dollars based on the same pro rata basis as used in said
111 clause (i), (v) towns whose school districts are priority school districts
112 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-266p or transitional school
113 districts pursuant to section 10-263c or who are eligible for grants
114 under section 10-276a or 10-263d for the fiscal years ending June 30,
115 2002, to June 30, 2004, inclusive, shall receive grants that are at least
116 equal to the grants they received for the prior fiscal year, (vi) towns not
117 receiving funds under clause (iii) of this subparagraph shall receive a

118 pro rata share of any remaining funds based on their grant determined
119 under this subparagraph. (Q) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005,
120 (i) no town shall receive a grant pursuant to this subparagraph in an
121 amount that is less than sixty per cent of the amount determined
122 pursuant to the previous subparagraphs of this subdivision, (ii)
123 notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this
124 subdivision, each town shall receive a grant that is equal to the amount
125 the town received for the prior fiscal year increased by twenty-three
126 and twenty-seven hundredths per cent of the difference between the
127 grant amount calculated pursuant to this subdivision and the amount
128 the town received for the prior fiscal year, (iii) no town whose school
129 district is a priority school district pursuant to subsection (a) of section
130 10-266p shall receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision that is less
131 than three hundred seventy dollars per resident student, and (iv) each
132 town shall receive a grant that is at least the greater of the amount of
133 the grant it received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, or the
134 amount of the grant it received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004,
135 increased by seven [hundredths] tenths per cent, except that the town
136 of Winchester shall not receive less than its fixed entitlement for the
137 fiscal year ending June 30, 2003.

138 Sec. 2. Section 17a-451f of the general statutes is repealed and the
139 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

140 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17a-451e, the funds
141 required by said section [17a-451e] to be allocated to the Department of
142 Mental Health and Addiction Services, for grants for mental health
143 services, shall be deposited in a separate, nonlapsing mental health
144 services grants account established within the General Fund. [Said]
145 The account [shall be the mental health services grants account, and]
146 shall contain any other moneys required by law to be deposited in said
147 account. The moneys in said account shall be expended [as provided
148 by law] by the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services
149 as follows: (1) The sum of four hundred twenty-five thousand dollars
150 for an inpatient behavioral health program serving preschool children
151 aged two to five years; (2) the sum of one hundred eighty-five

152 thousand dollars for behavioral health preventive activities in the
153 community; (3) the sum of five hundred thirty thousand dollars for a
154 study of the behavioral health aftereffects of service in Operation Iraqi
155 Freedom or in other combat theaters on Connecticut soldiers and their
156 families; (4) the sum of eight hundred ten thousand dollars for
157 transitional behavioral health benefits for soldiers and their families;
158 and (5) any remainder as determined by the Commissioner of Mental
159 Health and Addiction Services in accordance with section 17a-451.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-262h(a)(6)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	17a-451f

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	\$2.15 million
Mental Health & Addiction Serv., Dept.	GF - See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 06 \$
Various Municipalities	Revenue Gain	\$2.15 million

Explanation

Section 1 of the bill changes seven hundredths to seven tenths when referring to the minimum ECS grant increase for FY 05. This change provides that twenty towns receive the funding originally intended upon budget enactment. The total cost of this correction is \$2.15 million. Funds for this correction are contained in the FY 05 budget as originally enacted.

Section 2 makes statutory changes necessary to expend the proceeds from the sale of the Fairfield Hills Hospital property as had been detailed in the budget write-ups for the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services in the 2004 OFA budget book. The property was sold to the Town of Newtown for \$3.9 million.

OFA Bill Analysis

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***AN ACT TO CORRECT A TECHNICAL ERROR IN ECS
DISTRIBUTION AND TO SPECIFY DISPOSITION OF THE
FAIRFIELD HILLS HOSPITAL PROCEEDS.***

SUMMARY:

This bill makes a technical correction in the ECS grant (changing seven hundredths to seven tenths) and specifies disposition of the Fairfield Hills Hospital proceeds.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 46 Nay 0